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WOULD PROTECT BANKING FIELD IN RURAL AREAS

American Bankers Association Would Combat Return of Excess Number of Banks

CITES LAX CHARTER POLICIES IN THE PAST

Finds a Chief Cause of Bank Failures Was Too Many Banks —Existing Sound Banks Serving Communities Well

NEW YORK. — Existing sound banks, especially the small banks in the rural districts which are serving their communities well, should be protected from any return of the over-banked local conditions caused by former lax chartering policies, which were mainly to blame for the unfavorable failure record of the past, says the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association. This is brought out in a report covering an investigation by the commission of bank failures and chartering policies.

"The Commission's study gives an impressive revelation of how great a part mistaken public policies in the chartering of banks played in creating the unsound banking structure which finally collapsed with the Bank Holiday in March 1933," Robert V. Fleming, president of the association, says in a foreword.

"Over-production of banks, literally by thousands, over many years in the face of insistent warnings not only from bankers and others who recognized the danger, but even more so from the mounting records of bank failures themselves, is clearly shown to have constituted as a whole one of the greatest single economic errors in the history of the Nation."

A Recurrence Feared

He refers to fears of a recurrence of over-banking recently expressed by Federal banking authorities, to the powers given the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation by the provision of the Banking Act of 1935 over the admission of banks to membership in the insurance fund, to strengthened state laws and to the policies now being followed by both national and state supervisory authorities aimed to safeguard the nation against over-banking.

"But sound laws and conscientious officials are not of themselves always sufficient safeguard in any field of our complex national life unless they have the active support of public opinion," he adds. "It is the purpose of the American Bankers Association to aid in marshaling public opinion in support of both natonal and state supervisory authorities in their efforts to strengthen and protect the banking structure."

The Economic Policy Commission summarizes its findings as follows:

"The facts show a distinct causal relationship between the over-chartering of banks and the abnormal bank failure conditions that prevailed from 1920 to the bank holiday in 1933. It is desirable that studies be made on the basis of experience to develop standards governing the number of banks.

"Such a study would embrace the question whether banking facilities can best be supplied to the rural districts by small unit banks or by branches from banks of substantial capital in larger centers. Existing sound banks, which are serving their communities well should be protected from any return of the over-banked local conditions caused in the past by lax chartering policies.

Banking Officials Queried

"An inquiry among state commissioners shows a preponderant opinion against increasing materially the number of banks, coupled with the fact that present laws give them sufficient discretion to prevent a repetition of errors of the past.

"Under prevailing abnormal conditions, with the Federal Goverment extensively exercising loaning powers in competition with the banks, and with industry itself so largely supplied with funds as to render it to a great degree independent of normal bank borrowing the banking structure even with its present reduced numbers, finds it difficult to support its existing capital investment and operating personnel.

"These are new factors, intensifying the need for highly prudent and restrictive chartering policies. We urge the retirement of the Federal Governmen. from the banking business as normal conditions warrant."

What Does America Ask of Congress?

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN
National Chairman Sentinels of the Republic

With the new year comes a new session of Congress. What does the average American ask of it?

Basically his demands are modest —and few. All are in conformity with the rights and powers granted him under the Constitution.

He wants those rights respected and preserved.

He wants his collective interests, as a worker, an earner and a taxpayer, considered above and ahead of the demands of organized minorities operating as political pressure groups.

He wants his national Legislators to exhibit those qualities of responsibility and self-reliance expected of the chosen representatives of a free people. He has seen enough of rubber-stamp Congresses, eager and willing to enact hasty measures at the behest of appointed bureau chiefs, in whose selection the voters have no choice and over whose actions they exercise no control.

He wants Congress to know and respect the Federal Constitution—to refrain from legislation which violates our Fundamental Law and its Bill of Rights.

He wants Congress to remember that public debts created by reckless expenditures and waste must be paid out of taxes—clipped from the worker's earnings or the earnings of his children and grandchildren. He wants it to stop mortgaging our future.

He wants members of Congress, whatever their party affiliations, to think of the Nation as a whole, rather than in terms of political groups and factions.

In brief, he wants courage, reason, and economy in government — and he asks Congress to assure these things. It is a fair request. If the members of Congress will heed it, they can do much to restore that public confidence upon which depends not only our national recovery, but the future security of America.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Bryant street and Forest avenue, Palo Alto; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, University and Orange avenues, Los Altos; Sunday services at 11 a. m. Sunday school, Palo Alto and Los Altos churches a t9:30 a. m.

"Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; . . . . For thou art great, and doest wonderous things:thou are God alone." These words from Psalms comprise the Golden Texxt to be used Sunday, January 5, in all Churches of Christ Scientist, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon will be "God." Included among the Scriptural selections will be: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was not more sea. . . . And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the taber nacle of God is with men, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God" (Rev. 21: 1, 3).

The following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be included: "This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unilluminated human mind, the vision is material. Accompanying this scientific consciousness was another revelation, even the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people" (p. 573).

Christian Science radio programs sanctioned by the Christian Science Board of Directors of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., and under the direction of the Committee on Publication for Northern California are on the air: Mornings: Station KYA 1230 kilocycles, weekdays at 8:00 and Sundays at 8:15.

LANDSLIDE IMPERILS S. F. COLLEGE



Picture shows part of huge landslide on slopes of Lone Mountain, San Francisco, with buildings of the San Francisco College for Women seen in background. 30,000 tons of earth slid away, taking with it 300 feet of concrete roadway. Man-made changes in the configuration of the hill are believed to have caused the shift.

Local Woman Wins National Recognition

Mrs. C. M. Stevenson, P. O. Box 791, Menlo Park, has just been awarded a Certificate of Recipe Endorsement by Better Homes & Gardens for her pecipe, "Ham Snip.'

This certificate, which brings national recognition to Mrs. Stevenson is given by Better Homes & Gardns only to distinguished recipes which pass its testing kitchen's tests for dependability, excellence of taste, and family usefulness.

Mrs. Stevenson's endorsed recipe follows:

HAM SNIP

This dish was invented by my mother one year when the farm produced few of our usual foods in any abundance but did furnish a good crop of parsnips. Potato may be substituted for the eggplant if necessary.

Grease a deep casserole. Peel and dice one eggplant. Line the bottom of the casserole with this. Peel and dice 3 cups carrots and place over eggplant. Peel and cut 5 parsnips n strips and lay over carrots. Cut small servings of ham, brown lightly on one side and cover the parsnips. On top put 1 tablespoon molasses, Add 1 cup water, cover tightly and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 30 minutes. Serve with hot cornmeal muffins and apple jelly.

This same recipe is delicious substituting round steak for the ham and onions for the carrots. (Leave the molasses off the beef steak).

Another variation is to use a double amount of parsnips, the ham and then substitute a cup of pineapple juice for the cup of water.

And a third is to use the eggplant, parsnips, tomato juice (flavored with garlic), round steak and 1 cup chopped green peppers.

L. H. RAGLESS PROSPERS IN CITY OF SANTA MARIA

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Harris returned yesterday from Pasadena where they spent the New Year holidays. On the way south they stayed at the Motorest Lodge in Santa Maria, owned and operated by L. H. Ragless, formerly of this district.

Mr. Ragless is operating one of the finest motor courts to be found in California, and reports business in this line as good.

Mr. Ragless, after asking about a number of Menlo Park people, said, "I would be glad to meet my old friends from Menlo Park and vicinity any time they are down this way."

A good suggestion is drop in for a call when in Santa Maria, about a half-mile south of the city on highway 101.

About 110 carloads will be the navel orange crop of the Richgrove-Jasmine Citrus Association, Kern County. Lemon picking in this area has been completed.

Motorists Must Get New Plates Now

Promptly after the New Year holiday, California's more than two million motor car owners will be faced with the need to obtain renewal of automobile registration and secure new plates for 1936.

The renewal period opens on the morning of January 2 and continues to midnight, January 30. Those who fail to apply within this span of less than a month will incur a delinquent penalty that doubles the amount of the new additional license fee based on car value.

Under the law there can be no extension of the time limit such as has been made in previous years. Car owners are also cautioned against the error of assuming that they can wait until the last day of January, which has thirty-one days. The period ends and the penalty becomes effective at midnight, January 30.

The importance of applying early is stressed, as car owners will thereby guard against the possibility of neglecting to act before the period expires and also avoid dleays and other inconvenience of a last minute rush.

Attention is drawn to the fact that postcard notices mailed by the Department of Motor Vehicles telling the amount of new additional fee on each registered car should be carefully preserved so as to be able to present them when applying for renewal of registration. The 1935 registration certificate must also be presented and must bear the assessors's stamp showing payment of any currently due personal property taxes. The new additional fee hereafter takes the place of such taxes.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will issue plates at offices in various principal cities and plates will also be issued at Highway Patrol offices. Mail applications will be received by the Department office at Sacramento. The Automobile Association will issue plates to members at each of its thirty-three offices in northern and central California.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES FOR SUNDAY NEXT

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. with Superintendent John Heltzel presiding.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock at which time the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed, new members received into the church and infant baptism.

The Junior Christian Endeavor will meet at 11 o'clock with Mrs. H. H. Bearce in charge.

The Senior Christian Endeavor will convene at 6:30 p. m. with Bob Cooper leading.

At 7:30 p. m. a pageant will be given by the American Legion Auxiliary in the Social Hall.

Beautiful Pageant At Local Church

The Rev. Wm. L. Staub, pastor of the Presbyterian church, on Santa Cruz avenue, Menlo Park, has arranged tohave a very beautiful program on Sunday evening, January 5 at 7:30 o'clock, in the Social Hall of the church. Mrs. Gladys Anderson will be the narrator at a spectacular Christmas pageant by the Greater Mission Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, assisted by the Greater Mission Legion.

Fifty people will be in the cast under the direction of Mrs. Florence Drake LeRoy, with Mrs. Gertrude Martin as accompanist. A number of beautiful tableaux will be presented in addition to the Christmas Music. There are several wonderful soloists in the Greater Mission Unit's Glee Club.

Mrs. Alta M. Brown is the chairman for this outstanding event and the public is cordially invited to attend this pageant. There will be no admission charge.

TO TAKE MYSTERY OUT OF BANKING

By ROBERT V. FLEMING,
President American Bankers Association

The American Bankers Association has cooperated wherever it could properly do so in every measure for national recovery. It has offered constructive recommendations for such changes in banking laws as we recognized were necessary, and we now have a better law under which to operate. The Banking Act of 1935 affords us opportunities for broader service and, at the same time, retains the fundamentals which we believe are so vital to our national welfare and which have played a large part in bringing our country, in a comparatively short space of time, to the position of the greatest industrial nation on the earth.



R. V. FLEMING

The Public and Banking

It is necessary that the public have a thorough understanding of the functions of banks, what they can do and what they cannot do, for it must be recognized that to many people the business of banking is still somewhat of a mystery.

We should frankly explain these functions to the public, acquaint them with the laws under which we operate and emphasize the vital part which banks play in the economic life of the Nation. Therefore, in order that there may be the fullest cooperation and understanding between the banks and the people of the country, it will also be one of our objectives to take the mystery out of banking wherever it exists.

Banking Conferences

A series of Regional Conferences on Banking Service will be held in strategic sections of the country, embracing all types of banking. The new banking laws and the regulations issued thereunder will be carefully analyzed so that our bankers will have a thorough understanding of the broadened services now made possible.

The question of public relations and how we can best serve the people of our communities will be another topic of discussion. Clinics or forums on specific questions of interest to bankers and the problems confronting them in their particular localities will also be included.

STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE TAXED 1% PER THOUSAND

State employees have been informed that they will be required to pay the State income tax with assessments starting at 1 per cent after $1,000 exemptions for single persons and $2,500 for married persons.

Bank President Sees Good Year

Mr. Fred T. Elsey, president of the quarter--billion--dollar American Trust Company, issued the following statement from that bank's head office in San Francisco, regarding the trend evident in 1935 and indicated in 1936:

"Economic conditions generally have improved throughout the world during the past year, and it is evident that we are on the road to recovery.

"In this country, however, industry, trade and reemployment are being retarded by increasing taxes brought about by enormous expenditures of public money.

"Recovery brings reemployment and revenue, but whether we be rich or poor, old or young, we cannot look forward to a full recovery until public expenditures are brought within reason and taxes materially reduced."



Aunt Martha Says:

Lem just said that he was going to begin counting up the profit anl loss of last year, now that we have started on another one. I know what I am going to do about it. I'm going to charge up all my losses to profit and lest it go at that. What I mean is I'm going to profit by my mistakes of last year so they wwon't be a total loss. Between you and me I hope the New Dealers do the same thing and maybe we can sharge this depression up to prifit. I guess that is the only way the world progresses very far after all.

California WPA Costs Costs Materially Reduced

Administrative costs of California's Works Progress Administration were reduced approximately $90,000 per month as the result of orders issued recently by Frank Y. McLaughlin, state WPA Administrator. More than 800 employees were eliminated from the administration payrolls.

McLaughlin explained that the slash in the State WPA administrative personnel was made possible by the fact that California already has more than three-fourths of its former relief quota at work on federal projects and that the need for a large executive staff has subsequently diminished. All of the persons affected will be dropped from the payrolls by the first of the year, said the Administrator.

"Due to the intensive drive that the California Works Progress Administration was making to get its quota to work during November and December, we found it necessary to employ a large staff of extra help in the various administrative departments", said McLaughlin.

"We now have more than 121,000 persons at work on projects and we anticipate that this number will be increased to at least 150,000 by the end of the year. This will leave only approximately 10,000 persons for whom jobs will then remain to be found.

"It would be a pure waste of money for us to continue to maintain a larger administrative personnel than is necessary."

MINER KILLED WHILE DEFYING ANCIENT CURSE

Los Angeles—Edward Ollinger, 45-year-old miner who defied the legendary Spanish treasure curse to dig a tunnel in the Montecito hills, was killed when his tunnel caved in.

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Governor Merriam looks at the New Year through rose-colored glasses on one hand and through dark ones on the other.

He may doff the rose ones, through which he stares at his political future, to put on the dark with which he looks upon the present and immediate future of state government and its myriad of troubles.

With the San Jose News revealing a straw ballot favoring Merriam over all other Republicans and second only to Democratic Roosevelt, he has cause for justified cheers. Then too, he has been assured by Hoover forces that he will not be blockd by them if he really seeks to capture the State's Republican national delegation.

In the south, along comes the Progressive Republican club to endorse him and ask that he announce immediately that he wishes to become a national candidate.

One of the things that didn't help the club's movement along any was the very close announcement that Charles A. Son, one of its chief members, was about to be given a State berth.

Rumors have it, and they are straight, that Meredith P. Snyder, former Mayor of Los Angeles, is to be ousted as a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, to give Son a place. The appointment is worth $5,000 a year.

Injecting Son into the not-too-calm commission may or may not be a good move. U. S. Webb, Attorney General, against whom Son ran last election, doesn't hold the southern attorney in any too high regard and an inner family fight isn't just what the administration wants at this time.

The appointment flavors of too much politics coming as it does so closely on the heels of the club's announcement of their Merriam endorsement, although there may be no connection.

One thing sure is that if the appointment is made, Son will not be one of the national delegates. The word has gone out from headquarters that the Governor doesn't want ANY of his official family as delegates. This includes judges also, and chairmen of veterans' boards.

Right now the Governor is very much taken up in his time figuring out all the angles of the tax conference which is soon to grace the chambers of the assembly here at the Capitol. In many ways it is expected to be the most important conference of its kind held in California.

At that conference may be expected the State's own lobbyists who will confer with delegates on what is best to do for the State.

There is a possibility too that although Merriam will have more than 80 appointments to 40 some-odd boards to make, he may postpone the appointments until the conference. This would make it possible to deal with these jobs if delegates just won't be persuaded in any other way.

TOPNOTCHERS *by Ket*



CALIFORNIA NEWS OF THE WEEK

(By WNU Service)

Ban Gas Sales To Drunks

Los Angeles.—Sale of gasoline to intoxicated persons has been banned by officials of a leading California oil company. The order was issued when officials of the Los Angeles traffic advisory board appealed to business executives to aid in devising methods to minimize drunken driving.

Los Angeles Population

Los Angeles.—City directory publishers estimate that Los Angeles has 1,454,300 residents, 20,000 more than a year ago. The 1936 directory contains 684,376 names. Publishers said there are two and a half persons in the city for every name in the book, the proportion being the average size of families.

Woman, 80, Retires From Business

Galt.—After thirty-five years as owner and operator of the Galt water system, Mrs. R. A. Haskins, 80, will soon retire. Mrs. Haskins personally directed operation of the plant, made the monthly collections and superintended repairs and extensions. The system is being taken over by the newly organized Galt Water District.

Donation Day Parade

Grass Valley. — Several hundred citizens of this city participated in the 58th annual Donation Day Parade, a custom inaugurated in 1883 at the suggestion of Mrs. Caroline Meade-Hansen, a cripple, for the benefit of the city's poor. The Ladies' Relief Society handles distribution of donated articles, which include food, clothing and wood.

State Spends $18,000,000 a Month

Sacramento. — California's State government is spending an average of $18,000,000 a month. This figure was quoted by State Controller Riley in making public disbursements for all purposes, including relief work, during the last five months. He estimated expenditures ran between $15,000,000 and $16,000,000 during the Rolph administration.

No Jobs Keeps Parolees Jailed

San Quentin.—This State prison holds 522 convicts who are eligible for parole, but cannot be discharged until employment is found for them. The annual report of the board of prison terms and paroles revealed that of the 2,320 inmates eligible for parole, 1,447 were able to take advantage of the opportunity offered.

Building Permits Double

San Francisco—California's building activity in November more than doubled that of the same month a year ago, according to a survey covering 51 cities, compiled by the State Chamber of Commerce. Total permits were valued at $9,022,822, a gain of 104.6 per cent over the total of $4,409,669 in November last year. Improvement over seasonal normal was 15 per cent.

15,000 Seagulls Go On Spree

Oakland.—More than 15,000 bay district seagulls awoke with hangovers one morning during the holiday season. It seems the birds partook too freely of liquor emptied in the Oakland dumps by the State Board of Equalization. The alcohol had been seized in liquor violation cases and shortly after it had been poured out the dumps became covered with imbibing seagulls.

More Reemployment Here

Berkeley. — Government employment agencies are sending more people back to work in California than in any other state, according to figures released by the Berkeley office of the state employment service. Figures for September, latest compiled, show 23,427 placements in California, followed by New York with 14,736 and Ohio third with 13,903.

Governor To Occupy Mansion

Sacramento. — Unoccupied since the death of Governor James Rolph Jr., in June, 1934, the governor's mansion will soon become the home of Governor Frank F. Merriam, who has been living in a Sacramento hotel. Interior of the mansion has been renovated. It is believed that the official hostess will be the governor's sister, Miss Ann Elizabeth Merriam of Long Beach.

Famed Railroad Auctioned

San Francisco.—California's most famous short line railroad, 76 miles long, that cost more than $5,000,000 thirty years ago, was sold at auction here for a bid of $10,000 under foreclosure of a $2,000,000 second mortgage bond issue. The line, the Yosemite Valley Railroad, operates between Merced and El Portal at the gateway of of Yosemite Valley, and is now utilized mainly for carrying lumber and cement.

It is reported that thousands of blooms were shipped from San Mateo county for use in decorating the floats for the Rose Fiesta parade in Pasadena on Ney Year's Day.

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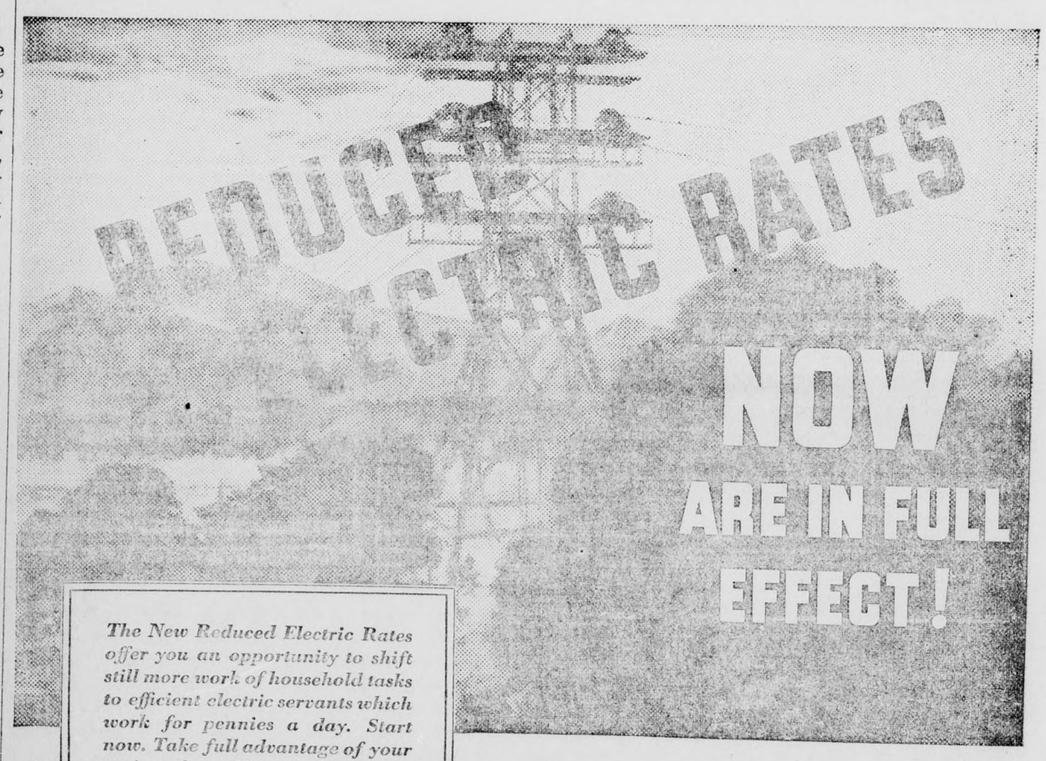


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How will you take advantage of reduced electric rates? Well, you can now buy and put into use the various electric appliances you have had in mind as the next home purchase. A refrigerator to cut down food bills and give you handy ice cubes or frozen desserts. An electric heater for the chilly bathroom. An electric washer and ironer to take the backache out of washday. A vacuum cleaner, a dishwasher or an electric range and water heater.

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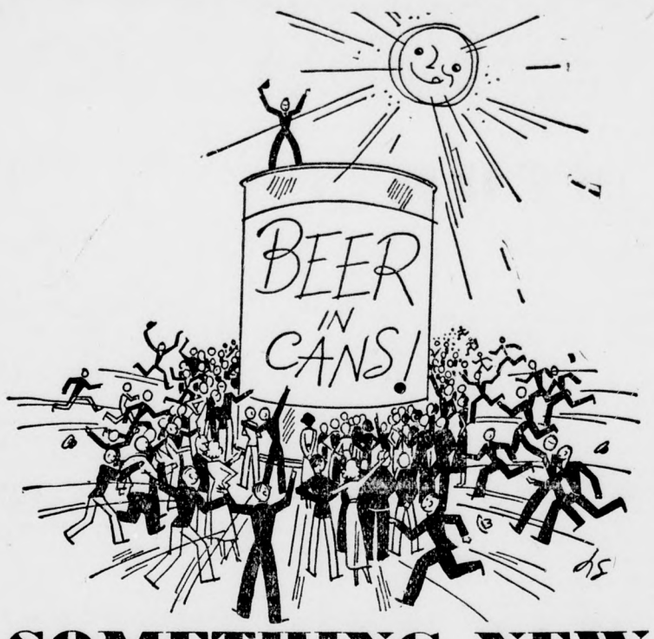
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Now a new invention has been acclaimed by the public, and shows signs of revolutionizing not only the distribution but even the manner of consumption of one of our most popular beverages—beer. More of it is being consumed in the home. This invention is the can, with an inner coating which performs the same functions as the inner coating of a brewer's keg, in which this beverage is now being widely distributed.

Demand Exceeds Supply

In the many communities in which this new method of distributing beer has been tried the demand for beer in cans has far exceeded the supply, and people have exclaimed, as they did about the bank notes: "Why didn't anyone ever think of that before?"

The advantages are so obvious that they scarcely need recapitulation. There are no bottles to return (which busy housewives frequently overlook doing) and no deposits to pay. The flat topped cans each hold as much as a bottle, but they occupy only one-half as much space in the refrigerator, and they can be stacked.

But there is another advantage, not so obvious until you have tasted the beer, that has contributed to the popularity of these cans scientifically prepared to contain this beverage. And that is the universal verdict that it tastes better than beer in bottles. The reasons for this better taste are that the time of pasteurization has been reduced in the cans and that the beer is protected from light which is harmful to beer flavor.

And a final advantage to this new boon to housewives which has also contributed to its popularity is that the cans are easy to open. A can opener for liquids has been perfected with which you can cut a triangular hole in the tops of the cans by exerting as little pressure as you would to slice a piece of cheese.

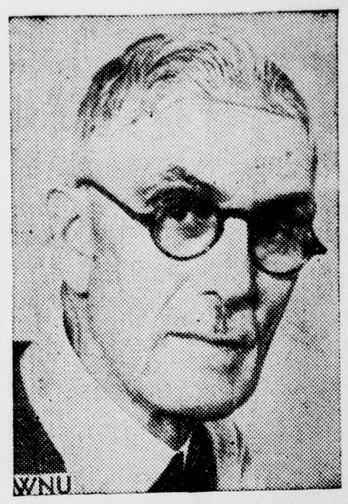
A Scientific Development

Like most seemingly simple useful things, such as an electric light bulb, for instance, this keglined can has years of laboratory work and scientific studies behind it. The big can manufacturing company which developed it has specialized for thirty years in making can inner coatings, and devoted years of research to perfecting this special can to contain beer.

The result was a can quite different from the ordinary can in which you purchase corn and beans. It looks the same on the outside, but its interior is adapted particularly for the purpose for which it is made.

This scientific development of a formula for the special coating which performs the same functions as the coating of a brewer's wooden keg has attracted world-wide attention.*

Challenged



WNU

Dr. F. E. Townsend, author of the old age pension plan, has been asked by the California Crusaders to meet one of their representatives, Samuel J. Hume, in a public debate on the plan. The Crusaders is a non-partisan organization formed to combat the economic principles of the Townsend plan.

Special Auto Numbers Rare

Sacramento. — The State department of motor vehicles is going to play no favorites in the issuing of special license plate numbers in 1936. The first person asking for a certain number will be the one to receive it, provided his application is accompanied by the $3 registration fee and the State tax.

Lodi.—The grape shipments and winery tonnage from Lodi district during the season just ended amount to 228,320 tons of all varieties. County Horticultural Commissioner A. E. Mahoney said this is a considerably larger tonnage than was shipped during the 1934 season, when 182,657 tons were harvested in the district.

Municipal Ownership Urged

San Francisco. — An $18,600,000 plan for the municipal distribution of Hetch Hetchy power in San Francisco under which consumers would receive a reduction of 10 per cent below the proposed new Pacific Gas and Electric Company charges, has been submitted to the board of supervisors. Backers claim that all the electric energy which the city's consumers buy in twenty-four hours could be generated in a little more than ten hours by the city-owned Hetch Hetchy power plants.

Sacramento — Liquor Administrator George Stout estimates that all types of California liquor licenses in California will be reduced by 20 per cent in 1936.

News Oddities

Los Angeles—Had Norman Rebecker, 9, lived, he might have become one of the world's most famous actors. His death was due to his ability to play the part of a robber so well that when he came to the grand finale, he hung himself.

San Francisco—Signs of better business were given today by several sources. The Reserve Bank in San Francisco reported that the expansion in petroleum output, and increased department store sales featured business activities during November which showed upward trends of business. The bank also reported a 20 per cent gain in Bank debits of the 14 major cities of California.

Sacramento — California's Unemployment Insurance Act has been approved by the federal social securities commission, according to word received here from J. L. Mathews of Covina, chairman of the State unemployment commission.

San Francisco—Friends of state civil service will meet here January 20 to study the problems that confront the year-old law, it was announced by officials of the California State Employee' Association.

Sacramento—In an effort to lean up liquor enforcement in the Los Angeles area, Secretary Dixwell L. Pierce and Assistant Secretary Elwood Squires of the State Board of Equalization have been temporarily transferred to the southern office.

Pasadena—Of the two teams which met here for the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day, Stanford was the bigger and heavier, The Indian line aggregated 1,398 pounds, while the Southern Methodist line was an average of 9 pounds per man less than that. The mites.

Olives grown in San Joaquin County last season brought a return of $29,274 to the growers from 287 acres. Production this season is expected to exceed the 1934 total, as the trees damaged by a cold wave in 1932 are coming back into bearing. Rehabilitation of many orchards, under way at present, indicates greater production will be reached steadily in the future.

MECHANICAL HINTS

COLD AFFECTS BATTERY

Cold weather seriously affects the efficiency of the storage battery. Engineers report that this reduced efficiency amounts to approximately 50 per cent at a temperature of 10 degrees as compared with the conditions of the battery at a temperature of 80 degrees.

LOW MILEAGE

Dragging brakes, excessive choking, valve tappets set too close, or late spark, are some of the causes of low gasoline mileage. Other causes are allowing the motor to idle for long periods or racing the motor while standing still.

FRONT BEARINGS

Front wheel bearings should be removed, cleaned, adjusted, and properly packed with fresh grease at least every 10,000 miles.

HESITATING MOTOR

When the motor hesitates as the throttle is suddenly opened or if it misses on a hard pull, the ignition coil and condenser should be tested by a competent mechanic.

DAMAGED WIRES

If the rubber insulation on ignition wires is hard or cracked as a result of heat or age, or if it is oil-soaked, the wires should be replaced.

Conference on Banking

NEW YORK. — An eastern states conference on banking service will be held by the American Bankers Association in Philadelphia January 23 and 24 as a part of the organization's nationwide program on banking development, it has been announced.

Robert V. Fleming, president of the association will preside over the meetings. it is stated that this conference will be the first of several to to be held in various sections.

The general topic of the conference will embrace the managerial, legislative and operative problems confronted by all classes of banks. An outstanding phase of the meetings will be the development of plans for promoting a general better public understanding in regard to the functions and policies of banks.

Nine Los Banos men have been arrested by United States game wardens on charges of violating Federal game laws. Charges also include selling wild fowl and violation of a State law against selling game.



A Lightning-Change Artist

A can of corn, before it is opened, appears to be a comfortable-looking cylindrical tin container with an appetizing-looking label depicting and describing its contents, as it stands smugly on your pantry shelf. But the moment it's opened a can of corn becomes a lightning-chang- artist of many varied possibilities. It may become, according to your taste, a cake, a casserole, a chowder, a fritter, an omelet, a pudding, a salad, a scallop, a soup, a stuffing, or, in combination with beans, a succotash.

Of course you probably like corn just as it comes from the can, but you may want to vary occasionally from that. If you do, stir into the contents of a No. 2 can of corn two eggs, two tablespoons of flour, a teaspoon of baking powder, a dash of cayenne and half a teaspoon of salt. Pour in a buttered baking dish, dot with butter and bake, and you'll have an entirely different dish.



Here Are Some Roles

How does canned corn become a cake? Well, here's a recipe for *Corn Cakes*: Beat two eggs well, add half a cup of sour milk, one-fourth teaspoon soda and a cup of canned corn. Sift together one cup flour, one-half teaspoon salt and two teaspoons baking powder, and add. Add one tablespoon melted butter, and fry in small cakes on a hot griddle. Serve with pork sausage and gravy or with maple syrup.

Corn's lightning-change to a casserole is accomplished in the following

Corn and Mushroom Casserole: Sauté two tablespoons sliced onions and the sliced mushrooms from a 4-ounce can in one tablespoon butter for several minutes. Add the contents of a No. 2 can creamy corn, three-fourths cup grated cheese, three-fourths cup chili sauce and salt and pepper, and turn into a buttered casserole. Bake in a moderate—375 degree—oven for about thirty minutes. Serves six.*

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MONSTER PLOW OPERATING IN BOLSA DISTICT

A furrow four and a half feet deep and three feet wide is cut by a monster plow operating in the Bolsa district west of Santa Ana. Said to be one of the largest in the world, three tractors are required to operate the 6404 pound implement. It is designed to bring to the surface the original topsoil in areas covered with gravel and sand as the result of floods.

San Diego — Police Officer Thomas M. Bratchr, 52-year-old Chula Vista officer, died here recently of injuries received in an automobile accident when he tried to save the life of a mongrel dog.

Elk Grove—Victor Sidera was sentenced to ten days in jail here after being convicted of killing a dog of the highway. A witness said Sidera was traveling on the wrong side of the road when he killed the animal.

San Francisco—Without warning, more than 30,000 tons of earth plunged down a slope, buckled concrete roadbeds, and shifted a 300-foot section of a San Francisco street. The accident occurred near the San Francisco college for women.

Auburn—M. T. Trammel of Applegate is living under a suspended 90-day jail sentence imposed for disturbing the peace of his wife and family on Christmas Eve when he assertedly lost his temper as the Yule tree fell and damaged his radio.

Woodland—Jack Taylor was smoking a cigaret as he and his wife drove along the highway near here recently. A hot ash burned his trousers. He stopped to put out the spark and an approaching car rammed the back of his auto and turned it over. Neither Taylor nor his wife were fatally hurt.

Stocks of beans in California warehouses on December 1st were reported as 2,812,531 bags, or the largest for any date since January 1, 1922, when comparable records first were available. The heavy stocks largely reflected above normal supplies of pinks, pintos, and other colored varieties.

Tahoe City—School's over for three months in this tall snow country of California. It ended here the day before Christmas after a party and presents. Too deep snow is the usual cause of the 3-months vacation at this time of the year.

Sacramento — Mrs. Augusta Bartles, who was born in Germany more than 103 years ago, died here recently. She was the mother of eight, the grandmother of 21 and the great-grandmother of 35. In addition, she had two great-great-grandchildren.



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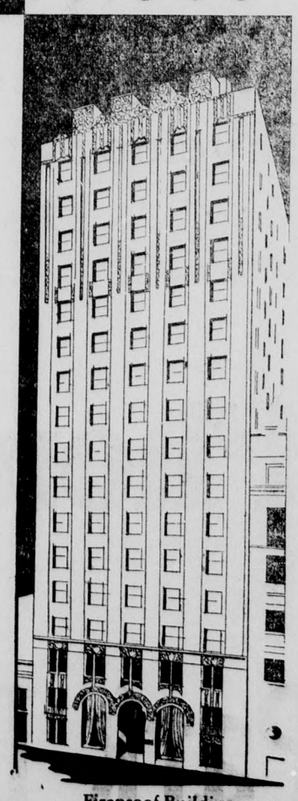
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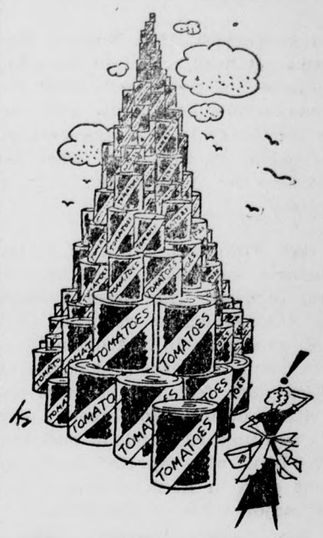
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There is a very good reason for this. And that is that modern cooking minus tomatoes would be very much like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. Not that there is anything so dramatic or heroic about the part the tomato plays in modern cooking, but as a general utility man he just simply can't be left out. What would the following recipes taste like, for instance, without the tomatoes?

Tomatoes Give the Tone

Tomato Fritters: Beat one egg slightly, add two cups canned tomatoes and one and a third cups crushed cracker crumbs, and season with salt and pepper. Drop from spoon into plenty of hot fat in a skillet. Brown on one side, turn and brown on the other side. Drain on brown paper. Makes about twelve small fritters.

Meat Loaf with Tomatoes: Add one small finely chopped onion, one teaspoon salt, one-fourth teaspoon pepper, one teaspoon sage and one-half cup dry bread crumbs to one pound of chopped beef. Add one beaten egg. Mix well together and pile in a rounded mound in the center of a flat baking dish. Pour over one cup canned tomatoes and bake in a hot—400 degree—oven for about forty-five minutes, basting occasionally with the tomatoes. Serves four.*

Creditors of the defunct Sun Garden Canning Company near Modesto will be paid in full on secured claims, according to officials of the Turlock Co-operative Growers, which recently purchased the property.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on JANUARY 2, 1936, at 8:00 P. M., the following petition will be presented to the Menlo Park Sanitary Board at their meeting place in the Cook Laboratories, Menlo Park, California; and

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons interested therein may appear and be heard.

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the MENLO PARK SANITARY DISTRICT,
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA:—

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents:

I.

That each of your petitioners is a resident of and freeholder within the boundaries of the district hereinafter described and which is proposed to be annexed to the Menlo Park Sanitary District;

II.

We desire that the contiguous territory hereinafter described be annexed to the Menlo Park Sanitary District, County of San Mateo, State of California, as provided in Section 26, Chapter 171, of the Laws of 1923.

III.

That the assessed valuation of the said contiguous territory proposed to be annexed, as shown by the last equalized assessment book of San Mateo County, is $395,175.00.

IV.

That the said territory is not within the limits of any other Sanitary District.

V.

That the description of the proposed area to be annexed to the Menlo Park Sanitary District is as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in Atherton Avenue, County of San Mateo, State of California, where the Southwesterly boundary line of the Menlo Park Sanitary District is intersected by the boundary line of the North Fair Oaks Sanitary District as said North Fair Oaks Sanitary District boundary line is shown on that certain map entitled "Map showing Boundary of Assessment and Maintenance District for construction of sewers in Atherton and unincorporated territory, San Mateo Co., Cal., May 1929", filed in the office of the County Clerk (under Resolution of Intention Numbers 18 and 22), San Mateo County, California; THENCE from said point of beginning running in a southeasterly direction along the Menlo Park Sanitary District boundary line to its intersection with the center line of Santa Cruz Avenue; THENCE southwesterly and southerly along the center line of said Santa Cruz Avenue to a point where said center line of Santa Cruz Avenue is intersected by the northwesterly line extended northeasterly of that certain parcel of land conveyed to Willis H. Rich, et al., as recorded in Volume 553 of Official Records at page 289, in the office of the County Recorder, San Mateo County; THENCE southwesterly along the northwesterly line of said parcel of land conveyed to Willis H. Rich, et al., above described to the northerly line of that certain 108.58 acre parcel of land now or formerly owned by F. W. Sharon as described in Volume 41 of Deeds at page 490, in the office of the County Recorder, San Mateo County; THENCE northwesterly along the northerly line of said 108.58 acre parcel of land now or formerly owned by F. W. Sharon above described to the southeasterly line of Menlo Avenue; THENCE continuing in a westerly direction across Menlo Avenue to the intersection of the northwesterly line of said Menlo Avenue with the southwesterly line of Altschul Avenue; THENCE northwesterly along the southwesterly line of Altschul Avenue to the southeasterly line of Valparaiso Avenue; THENCE westerly across Valparaiso Avenue to the intersection of the northwesterly line of said Valparaiso Avenue with the southerly line of Bellevue Avenue; THENCE continuing westerly along said southerly line of Bellevue Avenue to its intersection with a production southerly of the dividing line between lots I and J in Block A as the same are shown on that certain map entitled "Menlo Heights" filed July 30, 1891 in Book 2 of Maps at page 32, in the office of the County Recorder, San Mateo County; THENCE northerly along said dividing line between Lots I and J, Block A Menlo Heights as above mentioned to the southerly line of Hillside Avenue; THENCE northerly across Hillside Avenue to the intersection of the northerly line of Hillside Avenue with the westerly line of Yerba Avenue and the district boundary line of the North Fair Oaks Sanitary District as Shown on the map of said district above described; THENCE along said North Fair Oaks Sanitary District boundary line in a general northerly direction to the point of beginning.

(SIGNED)
MRS. ZELINA I. GAMBONI and 83 other freeholders.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
)ss.
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO.)

Violet Whitmore, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she is one of the persons whose names are subscribed to and who joined in the foregoing petition; that she has read said petition and knows the contents thereof; that the facts therein stated are true; that she knows personally each of the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing petition; that each signature affixed to said petition is the genuine signature of the person it purports to represent.

VIOLET WHITMORE.

(SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1935.

JAMES THOMAS O'KEEFE, Jr.,
NOTRAY PUBLIC in and for the County of San Mateo, State of California.

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